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SENATE MEMORIAL 39

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE EXPLORA SCIENCE CENTER AND CHILDREN'S MUSEUM AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION DEVELOP PROCEDURES FOR INFORMING SCHOOL DISTRICTS ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY AND USE OF EXPLORA AS AN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE.

WHEREAS, the Explora science center and children's museum is a facility in Albuquerque that serves as an educational resource for school children throughout the state of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Explora will be relocating to a new and much larger facility in the museum corridor near the old town of Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that all school districts in New Mexico be informed about the availability of Explora and how it can be used to enhance and augment science, technology and art

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1 instruction; and

2 WHEREAS, for school districts that are located a
3 significant distance from Albuquerque, procedures need to be
4 developed for overnight visits in the new facility that will
5 allow students to spend the night at Explora's new facility;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, overnight visits to Explora will also allow
8 school children the time and opportunity to visit other museums
9 that are located near Explora's new facility in the museum
10 corridor;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
12 OF NEW MEXICO that the director of the Explora science center
13 and children's museum and the state department of public
14 education be requested to develop procedures for informing
15 school districts about the availability of Explora as an
16 educational resource and for assisting school districts with
17 planning overnight visits to Explora; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the director of Explora and a
19 representative from the state department of public education
20 report to the legislative education study committee and the
21 legislative finance committee prior to October 31, 2003
22 regarding development of those procedures; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the director of the Explora science center and
25 children's museum, the superintendent of public instruction,

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the director of the legislative finance committee.